

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **SB 350 - HB 1571**

February 8, 2001

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires that children starting kindergarten be five years of age by July 31st of the year they start kindergarten. Present law requires that children must be five years of age by September 30 of the year they start kindergarten.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Decrease State Expenditures - Approx. \$32,710,000 One-Time FY02-03**

**Decrease Local Govt. Expenditures - Approx. \$11,000,000 One-Time FY02-03**

Estimate assumes:

- a one-time reduction in the number of children enrolling in kindergarten for the 2001-02 school year, which impact is realized through the BEP funding formula in the 2002-03 school year. Children with birthdays in August and September would be bumped to the following year (2002-03). Because the BEP is funded on the previous years' ADMs, this would mean that the funding would be based on the year in which there was a decrease in the number entering kindergarten and reduced in the year when the additional children were actually enrolled.
- approximately 70,500 children entered kindergarten in 1999-00, and if about the same number of children are born each month, then nearly 11,750 students will be affected.
- the average cost per child generated by the BEP in 1999-00 was \$3,720, then the fiscal impact to state and local governments will be approximately \$43,710,000.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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